

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the discussion below.

Claims 15-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention as set forth in items 3-9 on pages 2-4 of the Patent Office Action.

In response to this rejection Applicants have amended each of claims 15-40 to recite a proper antecedent basis or to properly refer to an antecedent basis. Likewise the term "or the like" has been deleted from claims 21 to 24 and 33-40.

Claims 15-16, 25 and 27 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and claims 17 to 24, 26 and 28-40 are also indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicants submit however that there is no need to include the limitations of the base claim as there is no rejection of the base claim based on prior art.

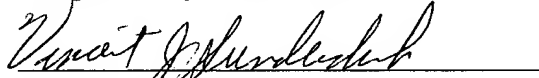
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this application containing amended claims 15-40, which now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, be allowed and be passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50398US).

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